

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 is rejected.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 9 and 11 are herein cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants' Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0047560) in view of Amano et al. (JP 2002-293049).

It is the position of the Office Action that Lee discloses the invention as claimed, with the exception of (i) teaching the micro-projections being formed into a truncated cone or in a cylinder and (ii) the specifically claimed dimensions of the micro-projections. The Office Action relies on Amano to provide the teaching of (i), and argues that (ii) would have been obvious.

Applicants herein cancel claim 1. Thus, this rejection is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claim 3 is allowed. Applicants herein cancel all other pending claims. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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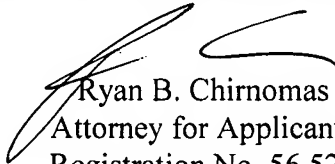
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If the Examiner deems that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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